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## NEWS

■ The 6-year-old boy believed responsible for the fatal shooting of an elementary school classmate lived in a "flophouse" and used a stolen handgun he found in a bedroom there, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Police say the boy is too young to face criminal charges and are instead focusing on how the child got the gun used in the killing, which may have occurred as a result of a playground scuffle. Prosecutors said those who provided the gun might face charges of gross negligence or felony manslaughter.

The boy is the youngest gunman in a series of deadly school shootings that have rocked communities around the country over the past three years. In 1998, two boys, 11 and 13, opened fire at a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four girls and a teacher.

## FEATURES



■ The action/comedy *3 Strikes* opened in theatres nation-wide Wednesday. The movie stars Brian Hooks who plays Rob Douglas, an ex-con just released from prison for his second offense. No sooner is he a free man than he accidentally finds himself in trouble with the law again. Facing his 'third strike' and possibly 25 years to life in prison, Douglas sets off to clear his name.

# 'Environmental racism' stinks in Mission

## Young couple worried about plant's effects on family, home

Ryan R. Henry  
The Pan American

A strong wind pinned plastic grocery sacks against chain linked fences Tuesday in Abbot Manor, a mobile home park in Mission, but resident Oscar Perez, who continued to prepare his charcoal grill, didn't seem to mind.

"The wind's not so bad," Perez said. "The house is blocking most of the wind."

Yet the same wind Perez blew off this day is the same wind he and other residents are concerned may smell foul in the near future. Mission city leaders have proposed the city-owned land just behind Perez's backyard as the preferred site for a new sewage treatment plant.

"If they do it [build the plant], I don't know what we're going to

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-Matt McCain/The Pan American

**Rotten Smell:** Vivien Perez, 1 year old, plays in her backyard Tuesday evening in Abbot Manor in northwest Mission. Beyond the chain link fence in Vivien's yard lies the site proposed by the city for a new sewage treatment plant. Many residents have cried 'environmental racism' and worry about the effects the plant would have on their health and property values.

## ■ What is Environmental Justice

The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including racial, ethnic or socioeconomic group, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy/Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance

# Coach relieved of duties after fourth losing season

Eladio Jaimez  
The Pan American

In the continuing saga of what appears to be a dysfunctional athletic department at UTPA, Lady Bronc basketball head coach Kathy Halligan has been reassigned within the athletic department.

Assistant coaches Rod Lee and Carlos "Bobby" Brown were fired.

"You have to keep a solid head about things," assistant coach Lee said. "We haven't had the wins we should have or that we wanted to have. So anytime that happens that's just the way the business goes."

Lee said that athletic director William Weidner had stated to him that the program was headed in the wrong direction. He maintained that Weidner's decision made no sense.

"Anytime you have six kids over a 3.0 [grade point average] for the first time in the history of the program, and you have the positives we have coming into next year you just think it's something else," Lee said.



Kathy Halligan

Lee states that he's concerned about leaving the players behind.

"I'm just so disappointed that I have to leave the kids. If it were just a burden I had to bear my self . . . I just really feel sorry for the kids," Lee said.

Coach Halligan could not be reached for comment. She had compiled a 20-88 record in her four years at UTPA. Halligan served as an assistant coach under Cletus Green from 1994-1996.

The coaches have been asked to clear out their offices by Friday.

Halligan has been named Special Assistant for Internal Affairs.

## Clinton stops environmental discrimination against poor

Miquel Liscano  
The Pan American

An executive order implemented Tuesday by President Clinton might put a stop to a proposed sewage treatment plant in Mission. The order falls under the Environmental Justice clause of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Under the order, counties and municipalities will not be able to discriminate against ethnic minorities when constructing environmentally sensitive facilities like sewage plants and garbage dumps.

Residents in northwest Mission have battled the city council for almost a year over a sewage plant they maintain will be a public health hazard and devalue their property. They assert that the city is engaging in environmental racism. Under the executive order their claims will be given serious consideration by both the state and federal government.

"With this order, poor minority people are not going to be taken advantage of by local government," said Henry Liao, with the Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 in Dallas.

The city wants to locate the sewage plant on 2 1/2 North Los Ebanos Road. Local residents maintain the stench will not only be intolerable, but will pose problems to public health.

"How can the city possibly think this kind of plant could be located in an area where there are homes and schools?" asked Ophelia Munguia who will be living 600 feet from the

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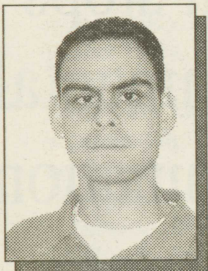
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### Correction

The Q&A in the February 29 edition of *The Pan American* incorrectly identified Monica Trevino as an senior in English. Trevino is in the graduate program as a Public Administration student. She also works full-time at University Retention. The *Pan American* regrets the error.

# Opinion

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## Editorial excerpts

A condensed look at views expressed on various topics across the nation

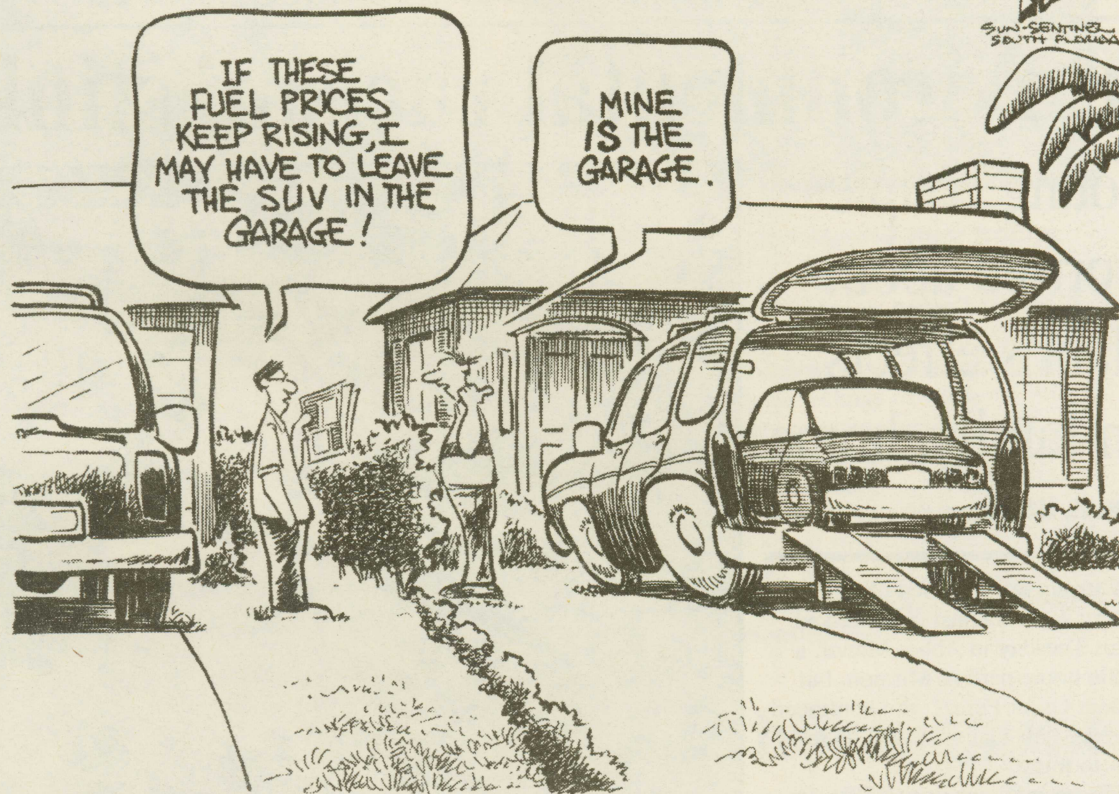
### Santana's Grammy triumph underscores marketing importance

The folks who oversee the Grammy Awards are probably high-fiving each other this week, congratulating themselves on how they withstood the forces of marketing hype and stood up for musical integrity. Carlos Santana got eight Grammys last week, and the Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears, Kid Rock

and Ricky Martin went home with none.

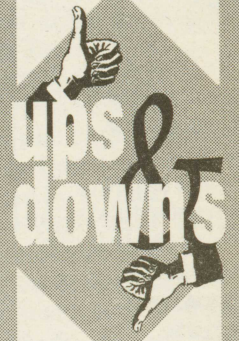
But those who consider Santana's "Supernatural" album a triumph of organic musicmaking over shallow teenyboppers should reconsider. "Supernatural" is no less a marketing concoction than is the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium," Martin's "Livin' La Vida Loca" or Kid Rock's fur-clad pimp.

— Greg Kot,  
Chicago Tribune



■ Thumbs up to Kathie Lee Gifford for quitting *Live with Regis and Kathy Lee*.

■ Thumbs up to \$1 double cheeseburgers at fast food places.



■ Thumbs down to allergies.

■ Thumbs down to assistant coaches being fired — without having stolen \$25,000.

## Letter To The Editor

# Professor responds to SUAB issues

Hewlett's statements in resignation as president both supported and challenged

To the editor:

As one of two faculty members on the Student Union Advisory Board, I would like to both challenge and support some of the statements made by Holly Hewlett.

The first issue I have is not with something she said, but an impression some students may get from her letter. I am afraid some students might get the impression that students have had little to say on the Student Union so far. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, the student members have won on almost every issue up to this point. The location of the building, the allocation of space in the building and the furnishings were all picked by the students. The student members took the lead in writing the constitution for SUAB. Led largely by Holly, the student voice has been clear, strong and effective. The only times the students have not achieved all that they hoped was because of limitations in the budget, not defeat at the hands of faculty or the administration. Any compromises made as a result of the budget were always approved by the committee.

Holly also made some statements that were not entirely correct.

It was made clear to her on more than one occasion that while the students in SUAB would have input on the hiring of a director, only President Nevarez hires, after consulting with the appropriate groups. I do hope that when it is time for a job advertisement to go out, the SUAB has a chance to review it for any critical omissions.

Holly says that the students would "have considerable input ... choosing the name brand food vendors." We agreed to use the surveys given to students to target certain brands, and to my knowledge that is exactly what is happening.

I cannot address the other two issues mentioned by Holly, the redesign of the UPB offices and the grand opening celebration plans, but if those things are currently under considerations, the SUAB certainly needs to be consulted.

Holly was also correct in a number of her statements.

SUAB members repeatedly asked to be included in building meetings and on two occasion were assured that we would be. While 98 percent of the one meeting we attended were dull issues having little impact

on students, there were a couple of issues of interest to students. It was not for the administration to decide if the students wanted to attend. They should have been invited.

The committee does not have oversight of the budget, as the legislation indicates, and the administration has not fought this.

Most importantly, Holly was right that the students must take an active role in the SUAB.

There are six student positions on the board, outnumbering non-students. The president of SUAB must be a student. The SUAB makes critical budget decisions and is, or should be, consulted on a number of issues relevant to the Student Union.

We need dedicated students like Holly to continue the process. She was a strong and often effective voice for the students.

If no students step forward to replace her and other graduating SUAB members, I fear for the students and the Student Union.

Remember, it is a "Student" Union.

— Michael Faubion,  
History Department  
associate professor



# Q&A

What has been your most challenging class at UTPA?

— John Cannon



**Sarvelio Carreon**  
Senior

## Broadcast Communication

Political Science. I took it with Dr. Freeman during my freshman year. Not only is he a demanding professor, but also I felt that I was not ready for the challenge.

**Michael Karam**  
Senior  
International Business

Economics. In this class, the teaching methods of Dr. Cardenas were very good. He would give you different scenarios to accomplish. The challenging part was that you had to study to pass.



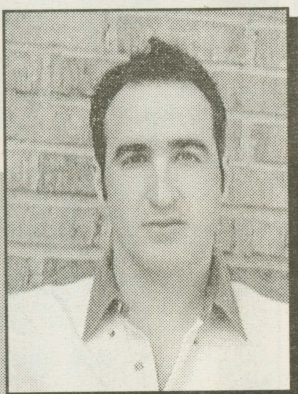
**Cindy Ochoa**  
Freshman  
Physical Therapy

English 1301. The teacher always wanted things his way. He would embarrass the students and lower their self-esteem. The material that was covered was explained pretty well. I did manage to pass.



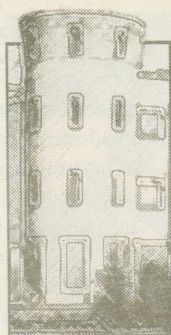
**Javier Rivas**  
Senior  
Theatre Arts

Accounting. In this class, we had to learn all of the principles of accounting. I felt lost because I had never taken any type of business course. The professor was from Iraq and hard to understand.



**Christine Trevino**  
Freshman  
Biology

Botany. The teacher was very boring and I was not interested in the class. I learned more material in the lab than in the lecture. The course went by very fast. As a result, I did not pass.



# Campus

news briefs

## Professor receives Fulbright Scholarship

**H. Farwa Naqvi**  
The Pan American

George McLemore, a UTPA communications professor, received unofficial confirmation of his acceptance into the competitive Fulbright program.

His approval for the award came from the Fulbright office in India, where he will teach either next fall or spring semester.

The Fulbright scholarship offers professors with doctorate degrees and with substantial teaching experience the opportunity to teach abroad.

Dr. McLemore, will receive his UTPA salary, traveling and living expenses for his family and himself.

McLemore will teach at Manipal Institute of Communication, which is affiliated with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

He, along with his wife and two sons, will stay in the state of Karnataka on the southwest Indian coast. "I will be teaching courses there that are similar to

the graduate courses I teach here," McLemore said.

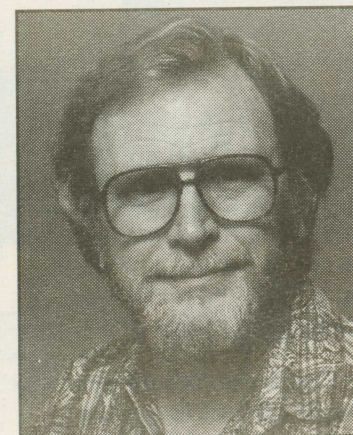
McLemore wants to teach courses that emphasize the influence of mass media in developing Asian countries, specifically India.

"I was a Peace Corps volunteer in India in the late '60s and I've always wanted to return," McLemore said. "I love the diversity of culture, the history, the people," he said.

Dr. McLemore cites his desire to research some of the effects of television on traditional village life in India as one of his reasons of going.

"In the last couple of decades, the influence of mass media has significantly increased," McLemore said.

McLemore started the application process last summer when he personally contacted different institutions in India. He included his invitations from these institutions with his application for the scholarship. In December, he received approval from the office in Washington, and notification



—Archive Photo/The Pan American

**Dr. George McLemore**

from New Delhi, India Monday. It should become official sometime in March.

His two sons, ages 19 and 13, and his wife, a high school teacher, will accompany him on his journey. The eldest attends Texas A&M university and plans on continuing his biology degree at an Indian institution. "They're both very excited about going. They've both traveled a great deal to other countries," McLemore said.

## Emergency blue lights provide info, safety

**Melissa Soto**  
The Pan American

UTPA police chief Howard Miller says he would like to see the use of courtesy phones and emergency blue lights on campus to replace the 39 pay phones Southwestern Bell plans to remove from campus.

"One other possible compromise, is in fact if they're going to remove pay phones, perhaps they could install additional courtesy phones," Miller said. "If there's an emergency or fire, or whatever the case may be, they can get in contact with us. If they can't get to the blue light phones from the inside, there will at least be phones in the inside, and that will also serve the same purpose."

Each emergency blue light costs \$6,000, and in the past five years, Miller has placed 10 lights throughout the campus.

"We have a couple more coming in right now that we've

ordered, that we're going to use once they get through with the construction," Miller said.

Miller wants to place the emergency blue lights in isolated areas on campus.

**"The blue lights are kind of taken for granted unless you actually need them . . . that's when they become very important."**

— Howard Miller,  
UTPA police chief

"We try to place them in strategic locations in case an individual is trapped in a parking lot," Miller said. "Inside, they can at least get to a phone. But if it's near a parking lot, somewhere they can get to it really fast and just press the button and it rings directly to us."

Miller says potential areas for

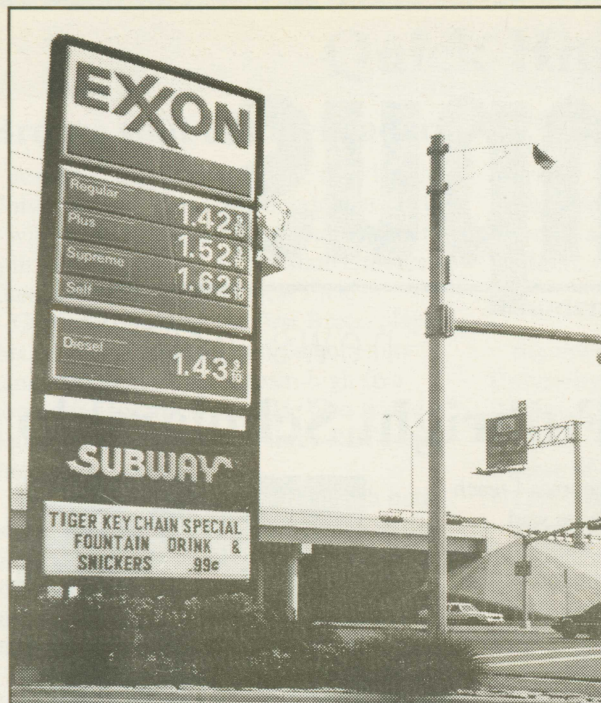
the emergency blue lights include the regional health academic center, the baseball complex, the new apartments and the Student Union.

"With the new Student Union coming on board, it will be a fairly active building, and we will have one in proximity there in case something happens," Miller said.

When someone pushes the button, the UTPA dispatch control immediately receives the location of the activated emergency blue light and sends officers to the scene. Miller says the lights enables them to hear what is happening within a few yards.

"I think sometimes little things like the blue lights are kind of taken for granted unless it comes to the point where you actually need them and then that's when they become very important," Miller said. "So we would rather be safe than sorry. Again, it's a substantial investment, but we feel it is well worth it."





-Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

# Rising gas prices prompt OPEC meeting

**Yvette Solis**  
The Pan American

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will meet at the end of March to ensure the market stability of oil prices.

OSHA, the permanent intergovernmental organization was created in September at the Baghdad conference in 1960.

OPEC's objective as stated in OPEC's webpage, [www.opec.org](http://www.opec.org), is to "co-ordinate and unify petroleum policies among Member Countries, in order to secure fair and stable

prices for the petroleum producers; an efficient, economic and regular supply of petroleum to consuming nations; and a fair return on capital to those investing in the industry."

OPEC along with non-OPEC nations cut the production of oil in order to increase prices.

According to OPEC, the reason for the high prices is because they Opec trying to conserve the shallow oil shortage. Some experts expect gas prices to hit the \$2 mark in California and \$1.50 in the Northeast by this summer.

With prices of gas now

topping \$1.43 a gallon, UTPA students find it difficult to gas up their cars in order to commute between work, school and home.

"If the price of gas increases again, that's it, I'll be confined to my house until it goes down again," said UTPA student Anna Satterfield.

Convenience stores on the other hand are taking the increase of gas prices in stride

Stores in the Rio Grande Valley do not deem it necessary to do special promotions to boost sales of products other than gas.

**"If the price of gas increases again, that's it, I'll be confined to my house until it goes down again."**

-Anna Satterfield,  
UTPA student

"The gas prices don't seem to be affecting our sales but perhaps it will eventually we never know," said Joe Gomez, manager of Tex-Mart #25.

## Couple

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do," Perez said. "It's supposed to be a high-tech plant."

Perez and his neighbors are worried about the possible stench of the proposed plant if the city continues with plans to build behind their homes.

Perez and his wife Candy Marroquin, who have two children, bought their standard size mobile home and lot for \$45,000 so they could live near to Perez's mother and two schools. The couple said they reserved their lot in January 1999, moved in March 1999, and were not told about the sewage treatment plant until May.

At that time, the couple received

a letter from Dizdar Development, the company that sold the property to Perez and his wife, informing them of the city's plans for the land behind their lot.

"When we purchased here, Dizdar Development didn't disclose to us [about the proposed plant]," Marroquin said. "Two months later, we got a letter saying 'Oh, by the way...'"

The proposed sewage treatment plant was not mentioned in the contract for the couple's home. In fact, Marroquin reported first hearing of the treatment plant from a neighbor around Easter, a month before receiving official

notification. She added that she and her husband also were the first to inform another neighbor who had not known about the city's plans.

Since then, the couple has joined other residents protesting the plant by signing a petition against the Mission proposal in September 1999. Perez and his wife said the city has been planning to use the land behind their new home for years but stressed that they were not informed before they moved in.

"Had we known that when we moved here, we wouldn't have moved in," Marroquin added as she held her 1-year-old daughter Vivien.

Perez and Marroquin also have a 3-year-old son named Troy and want to add an area for the children to play, citing plans for a swing set and new fence.

"We just started landscaping," Marroquin said, pointing out one of the four saplings in her yard. "We've planted trees, and it's kind of useless if [the plant is built here]."

The family seems to enjoy their yard, and as Perez continued to tend to the grill, Marroquin mentioned a new deck they will add in the backyard where they often spend family time.

"It's a good place to raise a

family," Marroquin said. "You can sit out here all hours of the night."

Perez agreed. "It's a good neighborhood. It's pretty quiet at night," he said as his daughter Vivien played in the yard.

Still the couple, like the other residents in this quiet neighborhood, must wait until the Mission City Council makes a final decision May 8. Perez and Marroquin say the decision may do more than affect the air quality, they say they are also concerned about the health of their children.

"We won't be sitting outside anymore," Marroquin said. "We'll definitely consider moving."

## Discrimination

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plant. "What is it going to do to our air?" she added.

Munguia said she is not opposed to a sewer plant, but is against its proposed location and asked the city council to consider finding an alternative site. Munguia said northwest Mission residents are being environmentally discriminated against because the majority of residents are Latinos and poor. She added that residents wonder about the long-term effect the plant will have on their health. She also questions why residents were not notified of the proposed sewer plant.

Mission Mayor Norberto Salinas said the plan for the sewer was put in place by a previous administration in 1987. However, residents became aware of the plan in April 1999, when the City of Mission posted a public hearing notice in a local newspaper.

Other residents who voiced their worries said they are concerned with the effect fumes will have on school children at Kenneth White

Junior High and O'Grady Elementary. Both schools are within a mile of the proposed sewage site.

At a city council meeting Monday, Salinas said city officials will examine alternative locations and make a final decision at the May 8 city council meeting. The mayor said the final decision for locating the plant has been put on hold.

According to Salinas, Mission made a commitment in 1994 with neighboring cities and colonias to build a regional sewage plant. The city applied for the Economically Distressed Area Program (EDAP). Pat Townsend, Mission city manager and former mayor, said that EDAP regulations require a city to find the most cost effective site to build and operate on. Townsend maintains that the only viable site is in northwest Mission. He downplays any previous public hearings, and maintains that the only area within the city that falls under

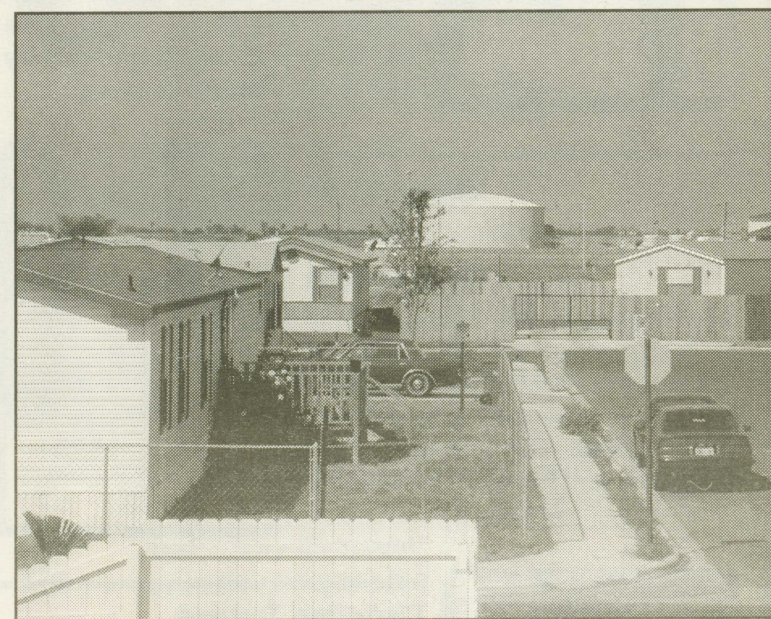
the criteria of EDAP is in northwest Mission. Townsend said without funding from the federal government, Mission will be unable to build the regional plant. He said having a regional sewer plant will be more cost efficient than individual small plants.

Salinas said the council will withdraw the EDAP application if the current proposed plant location falls through. Handling sewage in the area will then become the responsibility of individual cities and colonias.

Salinas said that if the plant is built it will serve from 70 to 80 colonias northwest of Mission.

"If we change the site, or we just do away with the site, which is possible, then we stop the EDAP program completely," Salinas said.

When interviewed, Salinas said the previous administration made a mistake in not holding a public hearing or notifying residents about the proposed treatment plant. In an



-Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

**The proposed site of the new Mission sewage treatment plant, in the background, will neighbor residential areas, including Abbott Manor (above). Area residents are protesting the new plant.**

apparent contradiction to his statements at the city council meeting, he noted that the May 8 decision is not about choosing a new site but about killing the EDAP project. He added that too much work has been put into the project to

start over.

"Come May 8, I shoot myself in the foot anyway. Whatever I do I'm going to get criticized. I'm not a winner on this one," Salinas said. "I've got to do what's right for the people as a whole."



## ASHA campaign to inform Valley citizens about STDs proves ineffective, insulting

**Yvette Solis**  
The Pan American

In March of 1999, the American Social Health Association (ASHA), chose the Rio Grande Valley for a sexually transmitted disease awareness campaign aimed at young people.

Six UTPA instructors and professors worked for ASHA during the campaign to perform primary research for the association and to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the STD campaign.

"The response we received from the public we polled on the effectiveness of the campaign suggested that though it was a good idea, it was poorly executed," said Jeffrey McQuillen, UTPA communications instructor and ASHA campaign employee.

The campaign consisted of posters, billboards, radio commercials and several spots in movie trailers at local theaters all

which faced problems sparking the expected interest the campaign was hoping for.

According to McQuillen, the campaign did not take Valley culture into account which is the significant factor for failure to fulfill the campaign's predicted success.

"A lot of people, especially Hispanic women felt that the campaign did not relate to them," McQuillen said.

Several UTPA students involved in the project polled the public at the mall and asked their opinions on the effectiveness of the campaign. Students reported many women reacted negatively to questions of their knowledge or opinion of the STD campaign.

He believes women's negative response stems from the cultural belief the Valley still holds over a female's obligation to remain chaste until marriage.

"These women think that because they wish to remain virgins for marriage that they don't need to know about how to



**As part of ASHA's campaign, posters like the one above were displayed all over the Rio Grande Valley.**

protect themselves from STDs," said McQuillen. "But how do they know their future husbands are as STD-free as they?"

According to Ray Villareal, AIDS coordinator for Planned Parenthood Association of Hidalgo County, the 'machista' attitude still held by many men and their belief that sleeping with multiple partners is their right contributes to the high incidence of HIV and AIDS in the Valley.

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## Incorrect billing statements from loan department the result of human error

**Daniel Garcia Ordaz**  
The Pan American

An unknown number of UTPA students who requested an emergency loan for the current semester were mailed incorrect statements this month.

"We've been getting lots of calls about this from students," said Griselda Castilla, accountant for the Emergency Loan Department.

Students not expecting to make a monthly installment, under the installment pay plan, received statements with zeros in spaces where amounts of the loans and balances due should have been.

Some students believed a computer glitch, such as a Y2K bug unable to deal with the leap year, was responsible for the mistake. Castilla said human error was at fault.

"We had sent out statements in January," she said. "We send out statements the first of the year to every person in our system."

The January statements included a loan history, as well as interest paid which students

need for tax preparation, Castilla said.

Castilla said staff cued the computer to print out January statements instead of updating the information for February. Normally, statements sent monthly include requests for a payment.

"We left the same command procedure, so statements for students who do not owe anything were left blank," Castilla said.

The computer center takes care of laser printing.

According to Castilla, the statements would have been mailed late because the staff would have had to sort out each of the more than 3,000 statements to see which ones were "blank".

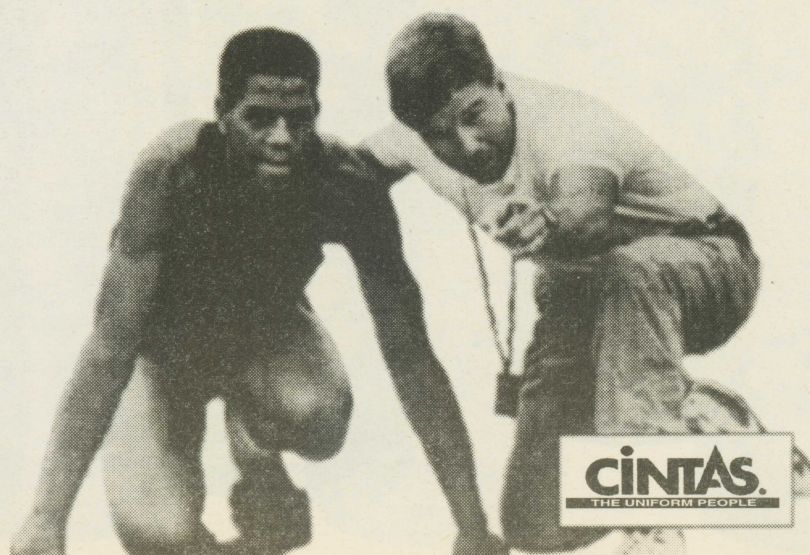
"We decided to leave the statements like that instead of sending out a late reprint," Castilla said.

New statements will be sent in mid-March reflecting the correct amounts due. Castilla said payments due for all emergency loans will be expected by the original April 1 deadline.

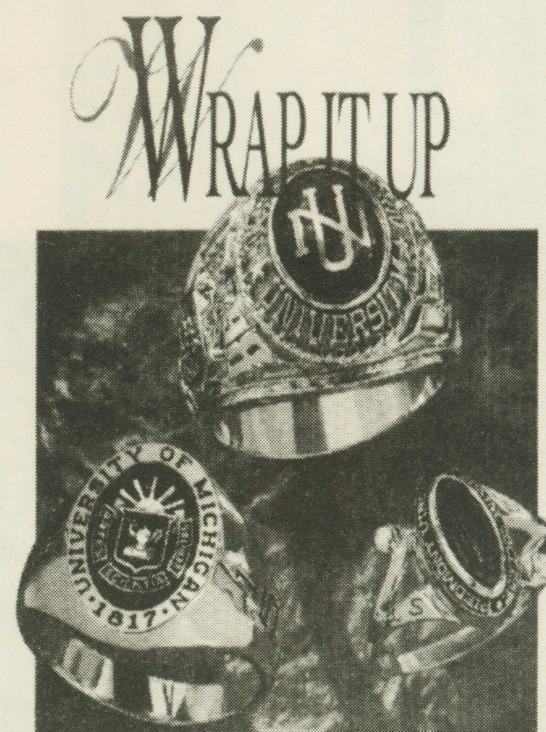
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# Drinking

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**Daniel García Ordaz**  
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Who hasn't heard the old joke about country music not being any good unless there's mention about being drunk, mothers, prison, rain, pick-ups and trains? The David Alan Cole tune, turned into a bad joke, is a popular drinking song. Other songs glorifying drunkenness include lines like "Pissing the night away," "Two Piña Coladas," "One burboun, one Scotch, one beer," and "Straight Tequila Night."

Animal House, a cult-favorite 80s film about a wild fraternity is often the mold most Greeks are cut out from, according to mainstream press and thinking.

### The Problem

"I think the Animal House mentality is wrong," said Jeanette Broshears, director of the alcohol and drug abuse program at UTPA. "It's worth talking about it because people are over-indulging." Broshears said 84 percent of members of

fraternities  
and  
sororities

binge drink, according to a multicampus Havard study.

According to Broshears, the university's proximity to México is one of the reasons for the prevalence of alcohol abuse in minors and college students as well as legal-age drinkers in the Valley. The accessibility of alcohol is a border-wide problem according to studies Broshears has reviewed.

"If you go to a club here and pay five bucks per drink, that's \$25 for five drinks," she said. "But in some clubs here and especially in Mexico you pay five bucks and drink all night, so it's also financial."

One of the problems with excessive drinking, or drinking to get drunk, is the possibility of alcohol poisoning. Parts of the human brain which control breathing are affected. Breathing in adults, an average of 12 times a minute, slows to 8 times a minute. Less oxygen in circulation leads to pale, cold and clammy skin.

Once alcohol's effects overtake a person, the body will puke up some of it. This is the main culprit in alcohol poisoning fatalities because if the person has passed out from drunkenness, they often have no ability to keep

vomit from blocking their windpipe.

Alcohol poisoning can also lead to acute renal (kidney) failure, coma, and cardiac arrest.

However, in most recent campus cases, students often wait too long before seeking professional help. According to college presidents interviewed by the Carnegie Foundation in 1990, binge drinking was the biggest problem on campus.

Recent deaths on campus from alcohol poisoning point to the fact many cases are not reported by students because of fear of repercussions.

### The Myths

Perhaps one of the culprits in making "binge drinking" popular may be the media. Inadvertently, stated Drew Hunter, national president of BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network, the definition of binge drinking doesn't fit neatly for each person.

Given differences in size and gender, a more appropriate approach would be to point out problem drinkers by the way they hurt themselves and others as well as by the bad decisions they make as a





# Binge drinking poses problems for many colleges across country

sult of drinking. Broshears agreed that there are problems with labeling drinkers. For example a 100-pound female may not need four drinks in an hour to get drunk, she said. Many people mistakenly believe alcohol is the same no matter what form it comes in. However, the Department of Agriculture and the American Heart Association, averages contain varying amounts of alcohol. "A twelve-ounce bottle of beer, a one-ounce glass of wine, and a 1 and 2-ounce shot of 80-proof spirits contain the same amount of alcohol (15 ounces)," according to the AHA website. Thomas Pearson, M.D., from the Nutrition Committee of the American Heart Association shared a reviewed study showing "drinking up to two drinks per day can reduce your risk of stroke by about half." However women's limit is one drink a day and more alcohol than this daily can increase risk of stroke much as three times, he said in "Alcohol and Heart Disease", published in July 1996. Further, while studies show similar positive effects of alcohol

consumption (in the same amounts) in preventing heart disease, the American Heart Association does not encourage non-drinkers to consume alcohol. Only people over 45 usually benefit from moderate alcohol consumption, whereas younger people abuse it and increase their risk of death. "Alcohol, when used in excess, can raise the levels of some kinds of fats in the blood," Pearson wrote. "It can also raise blood pressure and cause heart failure." A new twist to studies showing the disinhibition of binge drinkers towards sex beefed up the argument that alcohol is "liquid courage". In the December 1999 New Zealand Journal of Public Health a study showed 6% of teenage boys and girls found it easier to share "same-sex attractions" and had risky sex while binge drinking. **The Bad News** A 1994 CORE survey at UTPA yielded student responses to a questionnaire concerning alcohol abuse. While 94.8 percent of participants said they did not feel they had a problem with alcohol, other answers begged to differ.

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## ■ Student support for tougher measures to reduce binge drinking

Possible Policy Control	Percentage Support
Crackdown on underage drinking	67
Enforce rules strictly	65
Prohibit kegs on campus	60
Crack down on Greeks	60
Hold hosts responsible	55
Ban ads from local outlets	52

## ■ National-Level Student Support for Tougher Policies (Percentages)

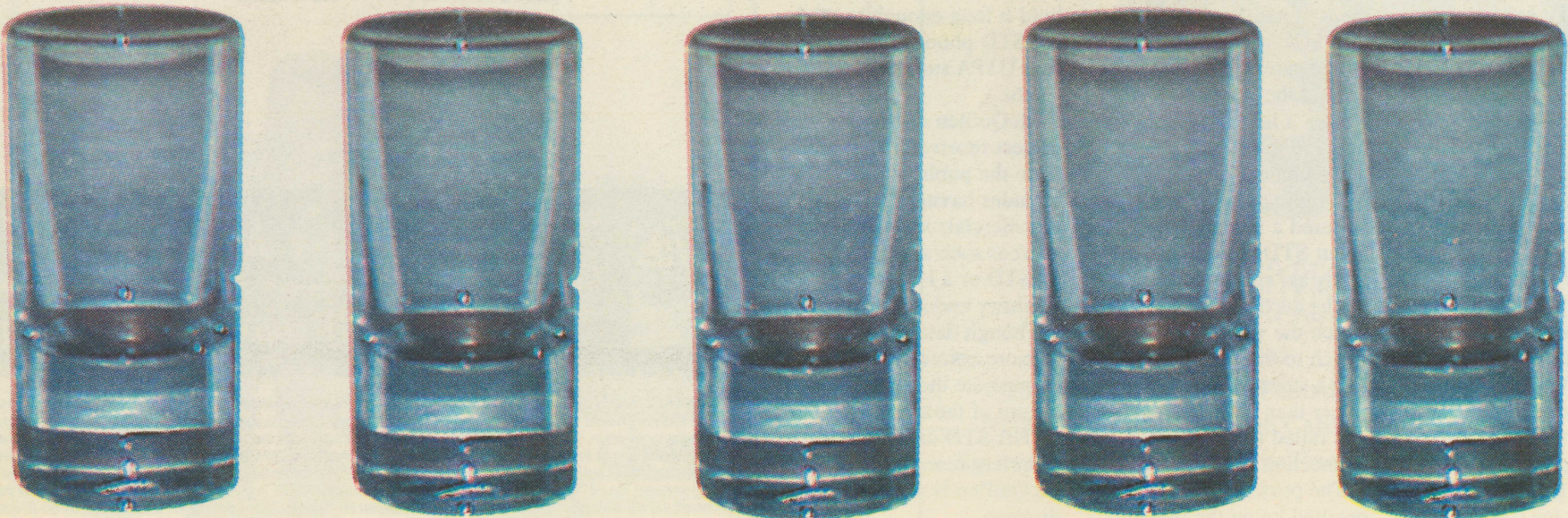
Policy	Non-Drinkers	Drinkers, Non-Bingers	Occasional Bingers	Frequent Bingers
Prohibit kegs on campus	86.4	67.7	48.6	34.6
Enforce rules strictly	93.2	75.0	54.2	35.2
Crack down on Greeks	90.1	69.5	47.1	28.2
Hold hosts responsible	81.1	59.9	45.3	33.3
Crack down on underage drinkers	93.5	76.9	56.6	37.1

## ■ Cost of Alcohol Compared with other Student Activities at 10 High-Binge Universities across the nation

Social Activities	Average Price
Beer from a keg	\$0.25
Beer from a can	\$0.35
Drink special at bars/clubs	\$0.75
Admission, all-you-can-drink	\$1.50
Cup of coffee (off-campus)	\$1.09
Movie ticket	\$5.86
Concert	\$27.33

SOURCE: Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study

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## Despite flaws, 'Hair' showcases excellent cast

**Yvette Solis**  
The Pan American

The latest University Theatre production *Hair*, a musical, opened Monday night to a small but appreciative audience.

"The play covers an interesting era in a fun way," said Aliza Carbajal, UTPA student. "I enjoyed the singing, it was different."

The controversial '60s musical revolves around Claude portrayed by actor Brian Warren and the inner turmoil he experiences in dealing with the decisions he has to make in his life.

Warren played Claude well, exposing the character's fear of being drafted to the Vietnam war and his wish to stay put with his tribe of hippie buddies while dealing with a deep rooted, yet unwanted feeling of patriotism for the U.S.

Though the musical's plot revolves mainly around Claude's character, it also explores a tangled weave of unrequited love such as the one Jeanie, played by University Theatre veteran Marissa Hernandez feels for Claude and the one Woof, a gay character played by Joe

Rodriguez also holds for the lead character.

The musical showcases an excellent supporting cast of actors with great talent but it is the relationship between couple Berger (played by Henry Howell) and Sheila (played by Letty Valladarez) that makes *Hair* a must see production.

Shedding all self-consciousness (the death of an actor), Howell portrays Berger, a free loving, charming and irresponsible guy, able to get away with everything character extremely well.

Howell proceeds to act in the spirit of his character grabbing his crotch and butt and shamelessly flirting with every character in the musical with no inhibitions.

Valladarez also portrays Sheila who is hopelessly hung up on Berger and knows that loving him causes great pain but refuses to give him up. She also managed to demonstrate Sheila's passion and determination in ending the Vietnam war.

Another aspect of the production which positively contributes to the University Theatre's production of *Hair* is the unobtrusive set design

with a British theme and simple, yet effective lighting.

The few setbacks the production did experience dealt mainly with sound. At various times throughout the singing, the actor's voices were a bit difficult to understand. This can be attributed to the music being too loud at times or the actor's singing too softly.

The set and lighting along with second time director Mauro Flores' work, and Marissa Hernandez's choreography more than compensated for the few problems the production experienced on opening night.

The production successfully interpreted the young tribe's way of dealing with life at a time when the country experienced major conflict.

UTPA's student body is encouraged to attend the University theatre's production of *Hair* and enjoy the acting talent and hard work of the cast and crew.

*Hair's* run ends March 5. Performances start at 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. UTPA students get in free with a valid student identification card.

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"A lot of guys cross the border into Mexico and engage in unprotected sex with prostitutes for a few dollars and then also engage in intercourse with their girlfriends," Villareal said.

"This is an increasing factor contributing in making the Rio Grande Valley AIDS and HIV rate the fastest growing than anywhere else."

According to Villareal, in 1998, 317 HIV cases were reported in Hidalgo county with 149 HIV related deaths, while Cameron County reported 291 HIV cases.

"These numbers show a significant increase over previous years, but these are only the cases that have been reported," Villareal said.

Impaired judgement dealing with drugs or alcohol along with the powerful emotion between a couple often leads both men and women to make mistakes.

"The idealistic attitude many girls have to save themselves for marriage

prevents them from taking into account the factors that often contribute to making an erroneous decision and engaging in unprotected sex with their boyfriends," McQuillen said.

McQuillen compares being informed on STDs and how to protect themselves to wearing a seatbelt.

"You wear a seatbelt not because you really believe you'll be involved in an accident, but because it's there in case you do need it."

The campaign also failed to hold the attention of the Valley's large Hispanic population in other cultural and technical areas.

A radio commercial featured a woman talking about STDs as described by many as 'childish.'

The accent or dialect in which the woman spoke, which to the public sounded like a stereotypical Hispanic rather than a Valley resident and failed to make a connection with the public.

The posters, however resulted being the biggest

problem area. Posters consisted of a couple in love with bold, large, red letterhead stating, 'He knew she had a big heart, big dreams and a ticklish spot.'

The confidential STD information number line is placed at the lower half of the poster in smaller, hardly visible print.

"The important information needs to be at the top because although the larger letterhead does catch attention, it doesn't hold it long enough to read the STD phone number," said UTPA student Araceli Cantu.

McQuillen claims the project received suggestions from the public which includes having commercials with credible sources such as people with an STD or a Hispanic celebrity endorsement.

Though data is available to more correctly demonstrate the success or failure of the campaign, the OSHA STD campaign is propriety research which McQuillen is not entitled to disclose.

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# Drinking

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In the survey, provided by the Division of Enrollment and Student Services, 80 percent of students said alcohol was the number one abused substances. When asked whether fellow students drank alcohol, students said 32.8 drank moderately, 30.6 drank frequently — enough to get drunk, and 13.9 drank excessively, “getting drunk at least once a week.”

In study after study, Texas and the Valley are consistently placed atop problem drinker lists as well as drinking and driving arrests and alcohol-induced fatalities. Hispanics, followed by blacks are more likely to drink and drive.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, “In 1997, drivers of 14 percent of 16 to 20 years and 26 percent of 21 — 24 years who were involved in fatal crashes were legally drunk.”

MADD also indicated that 18 to 20 year olds — too young to legally buy alcohol — report drinking and driving incidents as much as 21 to 34 year olds.

Drinking and driving, induced by episodes of excessive alcohol use, is the greatest killer of young people under 24 years of age.

Meanwhile young people from high school to college, often abuse alcohol equally regardless of gender. In a 1999 study published in the Pediatric Adolescence Medicine Journal, only 12% or teenage Spring Breakers abstained from drunkenness. More than one in four girls reported they drank 8 or more beers or wine per party.

The Journal of American College Health reported, in a November 1999 article, findings about African American female athletes and alcohol abuse. “Of the 50 athletes studied, 46% had engaged in binge drinking,” B. L. Bower explained. The study indicated that the athletes were aware of the negative effects of alcohol.

## The Good News

“The majority of students are making healthy choices, and are positive reflections of college students today,” wrote Hunter.

The 1994 CORE survey at UTPA also had 47 percent of students answering they did not drink alcohol.

According to published studies, by the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services, education

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—Jeanette Broshears,  
UTPA alcohol and drug abuse program director

efforts and numbers of people abusing alcohol have been decreasing since the late 80s.

For example alcohol-related crashes reduced from 9.8 per 100,000 to 6.5 in 1997 according to the H & HS “Progressive Review” published in 1998.

BACCHUS & GAMMA's UTPA affiliates have been an active voice in speaking out on health issues. The chapter is a four-time national honoree as one of the best chapters because of programs such as “Not Here” events each fall to highlight the problem trend, however small, of alcohol poisoning and deaths on campuses across America.

The Peer Educators will also be sponsoring National Collegiate Health and Wellness

week in March. Their services will include working with the ADAP office by participating in the National Alcoholism Screening Day conducting free tests. The students also speak at middle schools in order to help curb alcohol abuse in minors.

In order to assist students in learning the truth about alcohol abuse, a CD-ROM entitled “Alcohol 101” is available at the ADAP office.

For the past nine years the ADAP office has sponsored mandatory alcohol awareness workshops. Now they have a new responsibility.

According to Broshears, the Cleary Act, a new federal law requires that universities report

substance abuse instances involving individuals. However, student clubs will also be part of the report.

“This is the first time we've taken action against student organizations,” she said. “Before, if something happened off-campus, we'd let law enforcement take care of it, but the way the law reads now, if they violate the law we're going to have to take disciplinary action.”

For example, Broshears said, if state alcohol and beverage commission (TABC) officers inform the ADAP office of a club hosting a party where substances were abused, minors were in possession of alcohol, or a date rape incident occurred, the university is going to investigate it.

“This changes the scope of the program because the new act makes our job more difficult,” said Broshears.

ADAP will continue accepting self-referrals, for whom no disciplinary action is taken she said. If students are caught breaking the law or university policy, instead of referring themselves, they will face disciplinary action.

Free counseling is available at ADAP on a confidential basis.

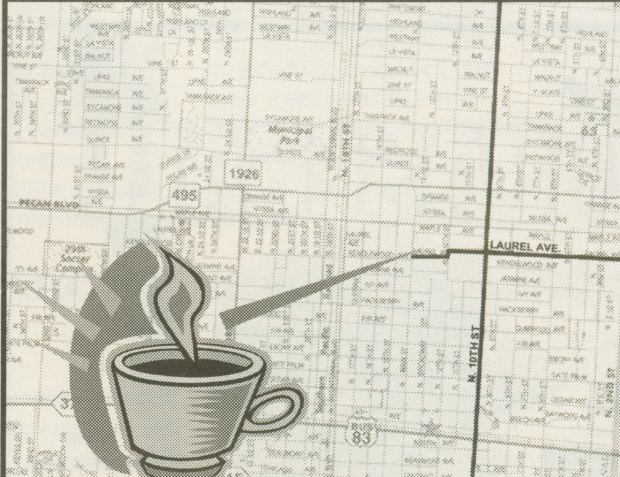
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## Quick Hits

### Broncs split doubleheader

Jesse Guttierrez's two home runs led the University of Texas Pan American to a 10-4 win in the first game of a doubleheader split with Southwest Texas State University Tuesday afternoon at Bobcat Field.

Guttierrez became the first Bronc player this season to have a multiple homerun game and he now has a team-high five home runs for the season. He also added a double to go 3-for-4 with three RBI's and three runs scored.

Gabe de la Garza and T.J. Bartosh both added three hits to pace the Broncs in the first game. Scott Fowler (3-1) came on in relief of Jason Thompson in the third inning and pitched five innings of three-hit ball to pick up the win.

Stopper Mike Cox took the mound for the second time this season as a starter, but fared much worse than his first outing. Cox, who tossed a one-hitter over six innings last Tuesday, allowed five earned runs on six hits and three walks in the nightcap to take his first loss of the season.

Caleb Schmidt shook off a recent slump to crack a three-run home run in the fourth inning that gave UTPA a 4-2 lead. But the Bobcats scored four runs over the next two innings and held off a seventh inning rally by the Broncs for the 6-5 win.

"I thought we played really well the first game and the second game we didn't throw well enough and didn't score enough runs. It was really simple," said UTPA Head Coach Reggie Tredaway. "Overall I

thought we played pretty good."

The split gives both teams an 8-9 record overall.

The Broncs play Texas A&M-CC on March 4 at 4:00 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

### Women's tennis drops matches

Southwest Texas and Lamar defeated the University of Texas-Pan American Lady Broncs in women's tennis action on Monday. The Lady Broncs fell to SWT by a score of 9-0, while Lamar defeated UTPA 9-0.

In number one singles, UTPA's Maria Fernandez fell to Jocelyn Hogan of SWT, 6-3, 6-1.

Fernandez dropped her third match in a row after winning her first three to start the spring season. Sagnite Garcia lost to SWT's Sarah Tritt 6-2, 6-4, in number two singles. Against Lamar, Fernandez lost to Barbara Schzaml 6-1, 6-0. UTPA's Kristine Getchell fell to Catalina Paz.

In doubles, at SWT, the pairs of Fernandez and Garcia fell to Geisick and Hogan, 8-6. The pair lost again, 8-5, against the Lamar pair of Schzaml and Kasia Finkowska.

The Lady Broncs fall to 0-9 for the season. UTPA will return action on March 12 at 1:00 p.m. when they face Louisiana-Hammond in Hammond, Louisiana. They will continue with a four day road trip that will match them up against Louisiana-Lafayette, Nicholls State, and the University of New Orleans.

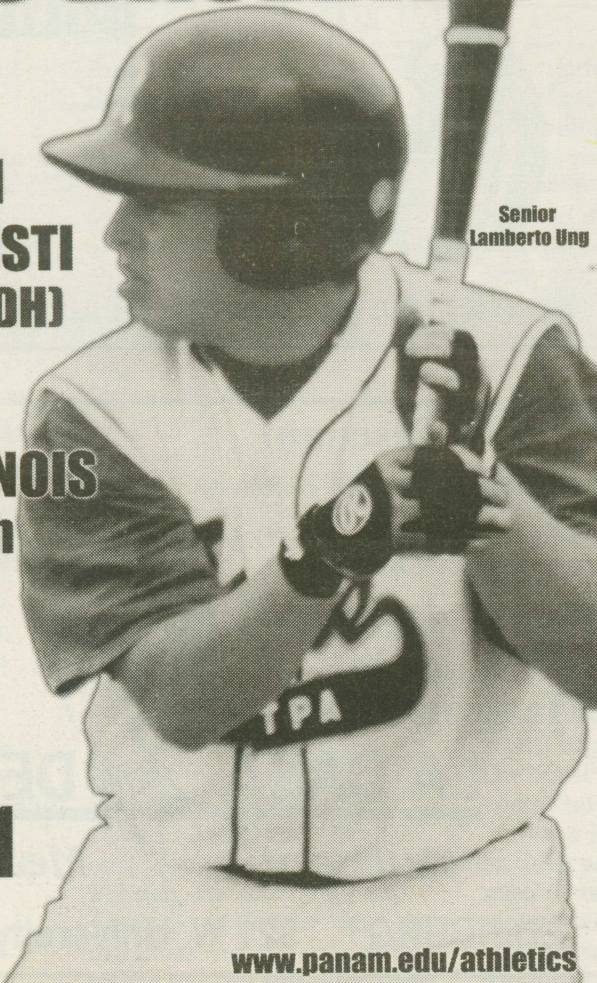
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## Sports Calendar

March 4

## Baseball

Broncs vs. Texas A&amp;M-CC (DH), Jody Ramsey Stadium 4 p.m.

**Notes:** The Broncs will try to improve on their last outing at home, in which they lost a three-game series to Illinois.

March 4

## Basketball

MBB @ Indiana U.-Purdue U.-Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN 6 p.m.

**Notes:** The final game of the season for the Broncs (12-15) as they look for their best finish since '94-'95 (14-14)

March 4

## Outdoor Track &amp; Field

Outdoor Track &amp; Field at Border Olympics, Laredo TBA

**Notes:** Both men's and women's will start off the spring season at Laredo.

March 4

## Golf

Women's @ Texas A&amp;M-CC(Dual Match) South Padre Island, TBA

**Notes:** Led by Jamie McInturff, the Lady Broncs started the season by placing first at their home tournament.

March 7

## Baseball

Baseball vs. Western Illinois, Jody Ramsey Stadium 7 p.m.

**Notes:** The Broncs will play a four-game series against the Leathernecks, who lost four of their first five games.

## Arbiter cuts Rocker suspension

Ronald Blum

Associated Press

John Rocker's suspension was cut in half to the first 14 days of the regular season, and he can report to the Atlanta Braves' spring training camp Thursday, The Associated Press learned today.

The reliever, punished for disparaging foreigners, homosexuals and minorities in a magazine interview, could arrive in Kissimmee, Fla., in time for workouts Thursday, baseball sources familiar with the arbitrator's decision told the AP on the condition they not be identified.

Shyam Das, making his first decision as baseball's independent arbitrator, also cut Rocker's \$20,000 fine. The amount of the fine will be reduced to \$500, one of the sources said.

There was no immediate announcement by the Braves, but a news conference was expected at 3 p.m. EST.

"I think it's fair," Braves pitcher Tom Glavine said. "It allows him some of spring training to get ready for the season. If not, you run the risk of John ruining his career. No one wants that. That would be unfair."

Rocker originally was suspended for all 45 days of spring training and the first 28 days of the regular season by commissioner Bud Selig.

"I think this is good all the way around," Braves reliever Rudy Seanez said. "Everybody is ready to get past it and move on."

Atlanta city councilman Derrick Boazman, leader of a coalition of minority groups that has called for the Braves to release Rocker, was unhappy with the decision.

"Hate and bigotry and homophobia and racism have a place, evidently, and that place is in major league baseball," he said.

In his Jan. 31 decision, Selig said Rocker's comments in a December issue of Sports Illustrated "offended practically every element of society."

Rocker will wind up missing the first 13 days of spring training and, if no games are postponed by weather, the first 12 games of the regular season. Atlanta's first game after the suspension is against Philadelphia at Turner Field on April 18.

Rocker told the magazine he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also mocked foreigners and called a Latin teammate a "fat monkey."

Randall Simon, who believes he was the target of Rocker's "fat monkey" comment, said today he is ready to forgive.

"If he comes to me and apologizes, everything will be all right," Simon said. "He's one of my teammates. Everybody makes mistakes."

Simon said he hopes Rocker will address the team as a whole, as well as offer him a personal apology.

"I think he should because of what happened and what he said about me," Simon said. "He should give me some respect. I think I deserve an apology so we can move on."

Brian Jordan, another of Rocker's harshest critics, said Rocker has to change his ways. Many Braves thought the reliever was out of line in seeking the limelight last October.

"He has to be more mature dealing with certain situations and dealing with his teammates," Jordan said. "He has to learn to control his anger. I think that's a big reason he said what he said."

The players' association filed a grievance against Selig, arguing the penalty was too great when compared with past discipline by the commissioner's office. The union repeatedly has succeeded in convincing arbitrators to overturn or reduce suspensions.

Selig's original penalty was believed to be the longest against a baseball player for an action not related to drug use since Lenny Randle of Texas got 30 days in March 1977 for punching his manager, Frank Lucchesi.

The 25-year-old reliever was heavily criticized by Atlanta civic officials and even teammates. But since training camp opened, some Braves have said they would be willing to forgive Rocker if he showed remorse through his words and actions. Braves owner Ted Turner said he deserved a second chance.

"My feeling is I would rather deal with it now, when the outcome of the games doesn't matter, than have it drop on us right dab in the middle of the season," Glavine said. "We still have to exercise some patience. It's already getting old, and even if he gets here tomorrow or Friday, it's not going to go away for a while."

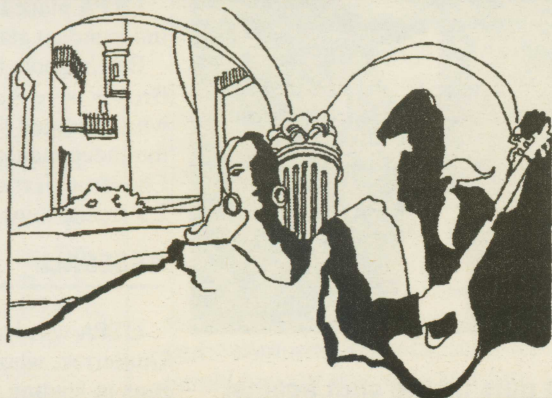
Rocker was repeatedly taunted by New York Mets' fans during the pennant race and NL championship series, and then by New York Yankees' fans during the World Series. Several fans threw objects at the pitcher and some spit at him.

In his most extensive comments since the furor began, Rocker told ESPN in December he had lost his cool in the magazine interview and said things he didn't mean about New York fans because he wanted "to inflict some emotional pain in retaliation to the pain that had been inflicted on me."

"We want to give him a chance to explain himself," said Glavine, among the Braves players who met in January to discuss Rocker's plight. "The mindset of the group was John should have a chance to explain himself and show that the way he was portrayed in the article was not his real mindset."

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# UTPA honors '62-'63 NAIA Championship team

**Eladio Jaimez**  
The Pan American

Nearly 37 years after winning the 1963 NAIA National Championship, UTPA's only championship team was honored at halftime of Monday's game between UTPA and Washington State.

As Lucious Jackson put it "It's better late than never."

The 12 members that lead tiny Pan American College to national prominence, and head coach Sam Williams returned for the ceremonies.

Williams and Jackson along with teammates Jim McGurck, Ramiro Villegas, Tony De La Pena and Joe Karam which reside in the Valley, and Paul Friddle, Walter Yates, Mitchell Edwards, Vinny Marino, Marty Urand, Jim Harter, and Howard Montgomery witnessed the unveiling of a banner honoring the '62-'63 championship team.

Jackson, who along with McGurck earned NAIA All-America honors that year, saw it fit that the university honor the team.

"I'm just so pleased that the university saw it fit to raise that banner and let the whole world know 'Hey this group did exist.'"



Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

**Paul Friddle (left), Head Coach Sam Williams, and Lucious Jackson receive their trophy.**

Why they didn't recognize it earlier I don't know, but I'm not concerned about that. I'm concerned now that they have decided to recognize it and that is important to me," Jackson said.

Special guests at the ceremonies were Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, wife of former Athletic Director Jim Brooks, former Director of Public Information Vernon Davis, former Manager Gordon Forester, and Lupe

Garcia and Tito Salinas who drove the team bus all over the country.

The champion Broncs were one of the first, if not the first racially integrated teams in Texas.

Plaques containing their pictures were given to each member of the team.

Team captains Jackson and Friddle and coach Williams were re-presented with the National Championship trophy just before

the unveiling of the banner.

"A lot of us haven't seen each other for 37 years. So when you see them again it brings back those feelings of when we were here as young adults. So yes nostalgia is involved in that," Jackson said.

Jackson, considered by many the best Bronc basketball player ever, went on to have arguably the most success of the '63 championship team.

After Pan American beat Western Carolina 73-62 for the national title, Jackson became the first NAIA player to be named to the U. S. Olympic team which won a gold medal in the 1964 Olympics held in Tokyo.

Jackson then went on and played with the Philadelphia 76ers who defeated the San Francisco Warriors to capture the NBA title for the 1967-'68 season. Jackson played along NBA Hall of Famers such as Wilt Chamberlain and Billy Cunningham.

Prior to Monday's festivities the ex-Broncs were treated to dinner Sunday night in McAllen.

They reminisced by watching game film of the semi-final game against Grambling State, who was led by eventual NBA Hall of Famer Willis Reed, and the championship game.

At the dinner reception Urand suggested that the Fieldhouse be named after the men responsible for all that success 37 years ago.

"I honestly believe they should rename the Fieldhouse the Sam Williams Fieldhouse and name the floor after Jim Brooks," Urand said. "I feel that would be a great tribute to these people as well as the team."

## Palmquist helps Broncs to win in last home game

**Eladio Jaimez**  
The Pan American

Clinging on to a 54-52 Bronc lead, middle man, Matt Palmquist, stood his ground and took a charge from Washington State forward Mike Bush.

Infuriated by the call, WSU head coach Paul Graham received two technicals and was tossed from the game with one tick left on the clock.

Palmquist attempted all four free throws, but converted only on the first one.

It was enough to seal the 55-52 win for the Broncs (12-15).

"I saw him go by John [Braxton] and I stepped over. I just planted and at first I thought he was just going to call a block, but I looked up and the guy [referee] did the signal for the charge and then I just had to fight everybody off from jumping on me," Palmquist said.

Leading 35-20 at the half, the Broncs nearly jeopardized the victory shooting only 27.3 percent from the field in the second half.

"We didn't execute, and they did a lot better job of it. I think they finally saw the game was getting ready to be out of touch. They geared up a little harder, played tougher man [defense], and got some steals. The bottom line is we got the win. It wasn't pretty but I'm happy with these guys," Bronc head coach Bob Hoffman said.

Down by 13, 46-33, the Cougars reeled off a 19-7 run to come within one point, 53-52 with :54 left in the game.

Sophomore guard Watara Banks made one free throw with seven seconds left on the clock increasing the lead by two, 54-52.

According to Hoffman, defense and communication played a key factor in Monday's game.

"Our defense was very good. We kept them at bay most of the game and their shooter couldn't get shots, and that comes from communication and intensity. They were much bigger and athletic than us, but we were able to finish," Hoffman said.

As a team, the Broncs shot an unimpressive 34.7 percent from the field and the Cougars shot 35.4 percent.

Junior guard Brian Merriweather led all scorers with 17. Banks who has been putting up impressive numbers lately came through for the Broncs again.

Banks ended up one rebound shy of a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds. He added four steals.

Palmquist, the only senior on the team, played his final game in the Fieldhouse. He finished the night with eight points, four rebounds and two steals, but took that key charge at the end of the contest.

Family and friends were on hand as Palmquist was honored prior to the game.

Bush led the Cougars with 14 points and six rebounds.

The Broncs close out the 1999-'00 campaign on the road Saturday when they take on Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis.



Angie Reyes/The Pan American

**Matt Palmquist puts up the shot against Cougar Eddie Miller on Monday. The game was the last for Palmquist at home.**

## Stars & Stats

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Broncs will finish with their best record since the '94-'95 season, when the team had a 14-14 record. The Broncs are at 12-15 for the season, with an away game remaining.

For the season, Brian Merriweather has averaged 20.6 ppg. The only other Bronc to average in double figures is Watara Banks, with 10.4.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Broncs ended their season with a loss against the University of Houston. The loss put left them at 6-21 for the season.

UTPA placed six in the Independent standings.

Bright spots for the Lady Broncs were Alexis Williams who averaged 4.0 apg, second in the Independent conference and Cheveron Terry who averaged 2.9 steals, third best.

### BASEBALL

UTPA was led by Jesse Gutierrez, who had two home-runs in leading the team to a 10-4 win over Southwest Texas State University.